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Army Medicine Family,

The Army celebrates its 247th birthday on June 14. Since its establishment, U.S. Army personnel have shown selfless service in support of our nation, bearing true faith and allegiance to the U.S. Constitution, the Army, their units, and fellow team members. The Army has always been there to defend the nation. The 2022 tagline, *Defending America 24/7*, aligns with Army Birthday year 247, the Army's capability, and the Army's motto, "This We'll Defend." Next Tuesday, take a moment to reflect on how important our Army is to our freedoms.

It is also important to recognize the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, which celebrated its anniversary on Friday, June 3. The Vet Corps has supported our nation and the health and welfare of the Soldiers, Families, pets, and working animals for 106 years. They also play a critical role in food and water safety, veterinary public health, and veterinary research. I thank all the members of the Vet Corps for their role in keeping us safe and healthy.

On the same day, Friday, June 3, The Regional Health Command-Europe changed commanders. I thank the outgoing commander BG Mark W. Thompson and welcome the incoming commander BG Clinton "Clint" Murray. Both have done honor to our profession of arms and Army Medicine. I thank both of them for the integrity of their service and commitment to our nation.

In June, the Army recognizes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer service members and civilians for their service to the Army and the nation. Pride Month is a nationally recognized observance celebrating the LGBTQ community, its advocates and allies by promoting community, unity, and pride. The selfless and dedicated service of LGBTQ Army Soldiers and civilians makes our military stronger and the nation safer.

The next MEDCOM Resilient Leader Webinar will feature Rev. Dr. Francine Hernandez presenting "Safety Pin: Resiliency", for all Army Medicine Personnel and MEDCOM Spouses on Thursday, 16th of June at 1330 EST. This live stream supports Campaign Objective 2, "Readiness".

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1600711598?pwd=RnNLd2ZJZjYXZXRXRk5Ec0ZSdnRFUT09>

Commander's Highlight

This week, we meet COL Tanya A. Peacock, Commander, BG Crawford F. Sams U.S. Army Health Clinic and MEDDAC-Japan, and U.S. Army Japan, Command Surgeon, Camp Zama, Japan. She joined the military to do something meaningful and, as she stated, "to give back to my country. My parents both emigrated here from Europe shortly after World War II – so I learned from a young age to appreciate the freedoms and opportunities that we have in the United States of America."

COL Peacock further mentioned, "I have had many fun and rewarding assignments. What I like about the Army is that every day is different, and there are many opportunities. I started as a military intelligence officer in the National Guard, then came on active duty as an ambulance platoon leader, transitioned to a MEDEVAC pilot, and I am finishing my career as a health care administrator. I've jumped out of airplanes and traveled to many unique and interesting countries. There is a pathway in the Army to achieve many different things – you have to take advantage of it."





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COL Peacock discussed the importance of command. “Command is a privilege,” she said. “Command is important because it is how the U.S. Army exercises control and discipline. The command is an essential component of the profession of arms and is critical to developing effective future leaders.” However, she added, the command is not for everyone. Soldiers should seek command if they are interested in leading, training, developing others, and managing risk.

Her most challenging role was being a casualty assistance officer. “So many people feel the loss of a Soldier,” she said. “Soldiers and their families deserve dignity, honor, and compassion.”

Military service is a family commitment. Her father was in the Army, and her father-in-law was in the Navy.

She is married to COL Michael Peacock, a Medical Service Corps officer. They have 2 boys, ages 12 and 15. They travel together, and she enjoys reading and playing team sports.

Thank you, COL Peacock, for sharing your experiences and insights with us this week. More importantly, thank you for your service and leadership.

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